For the purpose, the policy provides for creating legal and institutional changes at various levels duly ensuring appropriate role for women. The policy further provides for involvement of Water Users' Associations and the local bodies such as municipalities and *gram panchayats* in the operation, maintenance and management of water infrastructure/facilities at appropriate levels progressively, with a view to evantually transfer the management of such facilities to the user groups/local bodies.

Rain water harvesting reserves

†1483. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LANAN'

Will the Minister of WAER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is ample rain water available in the country;

(b) if so, whether rain water harvesting reserves have been set up in each state of the country; and

(c) if so, the storage capacity of each of the rain water harvesting reserves set up in each of such States in country?

THE MINISTR OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) India receives an average annual precipitation of 4000 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM) which includes rainfall and snow. Out of this, 3,000 BCM occurs during monsoon. The average anual flow in various rivers of the country is assessed at 1869 BCM. Out of this, utilizable flow by conventional methods is estimated at 690 BCM. In addition about 200-250 BCM can be utilised through inter-basin water transfer from the surplus river basins to the deficit water basins.

(b) and (c) No, Sir, Water being a State subject, it is for the concerned State Government to take steps in this regard. The Ministry of Water Resources has, however, circulated a Manual on Artificial Recharge of Ground Water to the States/Union Territories to enable them to formulate area specific artificial recharge scheme to check the declining trend in ground water levels. State-wise estimated availability of rain water for ground water recharge, as asessed by the Central Ground Water Board, is given in the enclosed Statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statment

State-wise estimated availability of rain water for ground water recharge

(in MCM)

Sl. No.	State/UTs	Availability of Rain Water
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1095
2.	Bihar (including Jharkhand)	1120
3	Chhattisgarh	258
4.	NCT of Delhi	444
5.	Goa	529
6.	Gujarat	1408
7.	Haryana	685
8.	Himachal Pradesh	149
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	161
10.	Karnataka	2065
11.	Kerala	1078
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2320
13.	Maharashtra	2318
14.	Orissa	406
15.	Punjab	1200
16.	Rajasthan	861
17.	Sikkim	44
18.	Tamil Nadu	3597
19.	Uttar Pradesh (including Uttaranchal)	14022
20.	West Bengal	2664
21.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	3
22.	Chandigarh	26